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upon mutual respect, which is indispensable between two sovereign entities wholly equal before law and justice.

In conclusion, permit me, Mr. Confidential Agent, to reiterate to you the assurances of my perfect consideration.

F. GAMBOA,
Secretary for Foreign Affairs of the Republic.

DECLARATION EFFECTED BY EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN UNITED STATES AND PANAMA PERMITTING CONSULS TO TAKE NOTE IN PERSON OR BY AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES, OF DECLARATIONS OF VALUES OF EXPORTS MADE BY SHIPPERS BEFORE CUSTOMS OFFICERS [1]

Signed at Washington, April 17, 1913

The undersigned, W. J. BRYAN, Secretary of State of the United States of America, duly authorized thereto, in virtue of a reciprocal Declaration made by J. E. Lefèvre, Chargé d'Affaires of the Republic of Panama at Washington, does hereby declare that from and after June 1, 1913, and until the expiration of one month after the date on which either the United States of America or the Republic of Panama shall give notice of the withdrawal of said Declaration, the consuls of the Republic of Panama in the United States of America shall be permitted to take note in person, or through their authorized representatives, of the declaration made by shippers before the American customs officers in which they state the value of the merchandise exported to the Republic of Panama. The consuls of the Republic of Panama shall be given certified copies of the said declarations when requested by them.

W. J. BRYAN,
Secretary of State of the United States.

WASHINGTON, *April 17, 1913.*

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